

GERMAN SELL HOPE TO HOLD OLYMPIC GAMES

"Be Calm and Wait" Is the Message Which Comes from Across the Sea.

DR. BERNER WRITES FOR THE COMMITTEE

No Thought as Yet of Asking To Be Relieved or of Transferring Meet to Another Country.

By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL.

In spite of the war which has involved nearly every nation in Europe, the German Olympic Committee has not yet given up hope of holding the sixth quadrennial Olympic sports at Berlin in July, 1916. A communication asking for information on this point addressed by the writer through Dr. Alfred C. Berner, the coach of the German Olympic team, but now in this country, to the German committee, brought back this laconic reply:

"Be calm and wait." The members of the German Olympic Committee that success will attend German arms and in plenty of time for them to recover themselves and prepare for the games have not asked the International Olympic Council, of which Baron Coubertin, of France, is president, to relieve them of the duty of holding the games, but they have suggested that the committee, who have returned from the front to recuperate at Berlin from a wound.

Not only do Dr. Berner and his associates still look forward to holding the games, but they confidently expect Dr. Kraenzlin, who left Germany on a two months' leave of absence just three days before declaration of war against Russia, to return and coach the German athletes. These plans, of course, are dependent upon the re-establishment of peace throughout Europe.

American athletic authorities who understand the immense amount of work connected with the management of such a set of games do not believe that the war will be over as soon as the Germans think.

The prolongation of the war or defeat for the Germans will seriously interfere with the present optimistic outlook of the German committee. But it is evident that the German committee intends to hold on to its commission to hold these games until the very end.

An Official Statement. Dr. Berner explained the condition of athletics and the general Olympic situation at considerable detail, and since this is the first official statement from the German committee, portions of his letter are of unusual interest and importance. Among other things Dr. Berner says:

"The government appropriations, as well as the support, are naturally influenced by the great war. As we, however, for a happy ending of the war, and to take up with renewed vigor our work which has already borne such fruit in the past, we are determined to hold on to our commission to hold these games until the very end.

"The United States will surely realize the difficulties of the condition of sport and will wait patiently our decision. We know that Bartow S. Weeks as successor to James Sullivan will do good work. It pleases us that you yourself are still at the disposal of the German committee. Your return to the United States is, therefore, as you have been recently returned from Poland with a slight wound. Rau and Prince Frederick Karl are well and cheerful. As for that, Mr. Kohlmeier will give you further accounts of the fate of the active athletes. Unfortunately the war has made a big gap."

Doubt Berlin Can Hold Games. Although Americans are disappointed that the fate of the games is so uncertain, there is nothing for them to do but to observe the injunction of the German committee, to be calm and wait. It is quite inconceivable that the games should not be held. Should it eventually prove that neither Germany nor any neutral country in Europe could be held, the United States would be glad to help them out.

There is abundant precedent for holding the games in spite of war. During the period of the American Civil War, before the time of Christ not even a war was permitted to interfere with their celebration. If a war was in progress a truce was declared until the games could be held. Unfortunately, the war probably be out of the question in the present instance, but enough of the world is at peace to hold the games in a neutral country.

The letter of Dr. Berner indicates that the reports received in this country of the death of many of Germany's athletes are much exaggerated. For instance, Rau, Germany's best sprinter, is in the best of health and is reported as reported. Although Dr. Berner says the war has made a big gap in the Olympic athletes, it is likely that more of them are alive than is generally believed.

Kings County Runners to Meet

The Kings County Athletic Association will hold its weekly cross-country run this morning at 11 o'clock.

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More Baseball Confessions by Johnny Evers, of the Braves

Fighting Spirit of Chance, with Discard Rampant, Delayed Crash.

SLAGLE FIRST OF OLD TEAM TO GO

Activities of Reulbach in the Players' Fraternity Blamed for His Release.

Joe Tinker.

Just before that, that Murphy told Chance, Tinker and myself, that he would give the players \$10,000 to be divided among them, if we won the championship. At that time we were apparently out of the running, as I have already mentioned. I think that Murphy was just trying to appear generous, figuring that he would never have to separate himself from that \$10,000.

After we won the championship, Chance, Tinker and myself called him to attention to this promise. He looked at us with a blank expression on his face, as if he had forgotten all about it. When confronted with the evidence he said that he couldn't give up the money, but the National Commission prohibited it.

To his surprise, the commission gave him the "privilege." Then he insisted upon the right to distribute it among the players as he saw fit. He released three men and discharged another before making the divvy. Jimmy Slagle, Carl Lundgren, Andy Coakley and Johnny Kling were counted out, while Harry Thomas, then Murphy's secretary, and now president of the Cubs, was declared in.

Slagle was the first of the old Cubs to go. He was released to Boston, and then followed Coakley and Fraser, but neither of these latter two could be regarded as of the first family. Scarcely had these three men been let out when Carl Lundgren, one of the veterans, was released to Brooklyn and from there went to Toronto.

Steinfeldt Forced to Sign. In the spring of 1911 Harry Steinfeldt refused to sign a one year contract until he was forced to do so. He had his choice of signing the contract with the Cubs or with the Yankees. He signed with the Yankees, but he had allowed to go to such an extent that during the season he was sent to Louisville, in memory of his right, to be released to the first of the old Cubs to die, and with his passing one of the finest and cleanest baseball players the game has ever known crossed the great divide.

Chance Ready to Quit. Chance refused to believe this until he was shown the proof and then he was through the roof. He left his home in California in a huff. He was determined not to report the following year. He had made up his mind to drop out of baseball, and he was still feeling of the Chicago sportswriter, who made the trip to California to persuade Chance to talk to Murphy over the wire.

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Marks Go by Boards in Every Race at Princeton Interscholastic Meet.

TEAM HONORS FOR BROOKLINE LADS

Leo Handy, Individual Star, Scores in 100 and 220 Yard Contests.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 13.—Every existing interscholastic swimming record was smashed to-day in the national championship meet held in the pool of Princeton University, and the team of Brookline High School, Boston, again scored a brilliant triumph, securing a total of 21 medals, 10 gold, 10 silver and one bronze, as against 31 garnered by all the other competing teams together.

Leo Handy was the individual star of the meet. He lowered the 100-yard from 61.8 seconds to 59.2 seconds, the 220-yard figures from 2 minutes 32.4 seconds to 2 minutes 24.4 seconds, and he also helped his teammates—Untersee, Prendergast and McKinnon—to bring down the 200-yard relay racing figures to 1 minute 43 seconds.

The others to furnish new marks were Arthur Wales, of the Brookline High School, and Russell Dean, of the Mechanics Art High School, of Boston. Wales increased his own best 100-yard distance from 70 feet to 71 feet 4 inches; Dean clipped the 50-yard swimming record from 26 seconds to 25.4 seconds.

The elimination heats of the 100-yard swim were keenly contested, as a rule, and also brought out better performances than the final. The latter, between Leo Handy of Brookline, R. A. Tomlinson, of Winchester Preparatory, and G. E. Tomlinson, of Brown Preparatory, was practically a walkover for Handy. He drew away from his rivals on the first length and won as he pleased by a safe margin in 59.2 seconds. Shields and Reilly shut out Tomlinson, touching out in this order.

The farlong swim was disappointing from the competitive standpoint. The places were awarded on time, and it happened that the fastest men drew different heats, allowing them to outdistance their rivals and outdistance the victors. When figures were compared Handy was found to have won in 2 minutes 34.5 seconds, a new record; W. J. Marling, of Huntington School, Boston, to be second, with 2 minutes 37.3 seconds. Also in the 220-yard figures, and G. E. Tomlinson of Brown Preparatory, third, with 2 minutes 41 seconds.

It was the same in the relay race, awarded on time. One missed the excitement of a falling hat, but the final. Every heat was won handsomely, detracting from the interest. Brookline High School took first, with 1 minute 43.8 seconds; Central High School of Philadelphia, second, with 1 minute 50.2 seconds, and Poly Preparatory, of Brooklyn, third, with 1 minute 51.3 seconds. Both this event and the farlong would have furnished splendid contests, as the margin of victory was not more than a few inches, indicating, had there been deciding heats, that the exhibition of fancy diving was excellent, but J. Bullen, of Lawrenceville, clearly showed his superiority, defeating by an eleven-point average R. Gaibraith.

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